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## ŠKODA presents roadmap for sustainable mobility

- › **2030 targets: consistently pursue climate-neutral mobility, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> fleet emissions by more than 50% compared to 2020**
- › **The focus is on electromobility, climate-neutral production and reusable & recycled materials**
- › **Newly established External Sustainability Council brings expertise to bear on important decisions**
- › **Sustainability among the central topics of the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030**

**Mladá Boleslav, 19 September 2022 – ŠKODA AUTO is forging ahead with decarbonising the company, supported by a holistic action plan under the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030. In addition to accelerating the ramp-up of electromobility, the focus is on sustainably producing and operating battery-electric vehicles, including supply chains. To achieve this, ŠKODA is committed to using, for example, recyclable materials in its cars and consistently recycling the high-voltage batteries from e-vehicles.**

### **Sustainability at the heart of the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030**

The car manufacturer has defined sustainability as a key area of its NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030 and has set itself ambitious targets to effectively reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of its business activities along the entire value chain. Over the past year, ŠKODA AUTO's investments in this area – along with comprehensive, transparent communication on the topics of environment, social affairs, governance and finance – have helped the Volkswagen Group to become the first automotive company in the world to meet the reporting requirements of the European Union's Sustainable Finance Action Plan and the EU Taxonomy.

### **Expanding electromobility**

ŠKODA AUTO will be launching three new all-electric models by 2026. Further models are in the pipeline. ŠKODA aims to increase the all-electric share of its European vehicle sales to over 70% by 2030. ŠKODA AUTO aims to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of its fleet by more than 50% by 2030 compared to 2020 through the continuous expansion of electromobility.

### **Decarbonising production**

ŠKODA AUTO is increasingly turning to renewable energy to manufacture vehicles, and in doing so is significantly reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in production. This means that all three Czech plants will be operating with net-zero carbon emissions by 2030; the production plants in India will be completely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral by 2025. The component plant in Vrchlabí had met this target by the end of 2020. In addition to using renewable energies, the comprehensive measures also include recycling waste, using resource-efficient materials and processes and predominantly green logistics. ŠKODA AUTO is also supporting the construction of a wind farm in Moravice-Melč in the east of the Czech Republic in collaboration with ŠKO-ENERGO.

### **Sustainable material cycle and second life cycle for batteries**

ŠKODA AUTO is increasingly opting for natural, recycled and recyclable materials such as those used in the ŠKODA VISION 7S concept car. In addition to metals and glass, recycled plastics are already being incorporated into new vehicles. In the ŠKODA ENYAQ iV, for example, the seat covers are made of virgin wool and recycled PET bottles. The next steps involve composite materials made from plastic and fibres from sugar beet or the reed plant Miscanthus.



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The use of rice husks, hemp, cork and coconut fibres is also being researched. ŠKODA is deploying used high-voltage batteries from electric vehicles in stationary energy storage systems before they are recycled. This second life cycle effectively reduces the batteries' CO<sub>2</sub> footprint.

## **Climate-neutral operation of e-vehicles**

ŠKODA AUTO's holistic approach to sustainability not only includes CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral production but also running electric cars with virtually zero emissions. ŠKODA ENYAQ iV cars are already delivered to customers with a carbon-neutral balance sheet. ŠKODA AUTO compensates for currently unavoidable CO<sub>2</sub> emissions during production by purchasing certified carbon credits. In addition, the company is supporting the expansion of renewable energy sources in Europe. For example, the car manufacturer is involved in constructing a new wind farm in Finland. With a calculated energy volume of 570 GWh per year, the plant will produce enough green energy in the future to supply around 150,000 households with electricity – or power ŠKODA electric vehicles with zero local emissions.

## **Newly established External Sustainability Council with international experts**

ŠKODA AUTO established its own External Sustainability Council in November 2021. The external, independent panel consists of five internationally renowned experts who advise the Board of Management on the implementation of planned sustainability measures and also provide new perspectives, impetus and approaches. This makes the car manufacturer one of the first companies in the Czech Republic to draw on the expertise of its own committee in this area.

## **Extensive training for ŠKODA dealers and additional sustainability activities**

On its path towards greater sustainability, ŠKODA is systematically involving its 3,200 dealers worldwide. One thing is clear: Even small measures can reduce the carbon footprint, for example offering bicycles as replacement vehicles for customers at servicing appointments. Alongside GreenRetail in the retail sector, GreenProduct focuses on vehicles that are as environmentally friendly as possible, and GreenFactory is dedicated to sustainable production.

The company's sustainability measures build on the Volkswagen Group's environmental mission statement 'goTOzero'. The policy encompasses the topics of climate change, resources, air quality and environmental compliance.

As part of this, the #Project1Hour initiative calls on the Volkswagen Group's 660,000 employees to consider their own contribution to sustainability and climate protection to mark Earth Day each year on 22 April. In 2022, employees of ŠKODA AUTO and its subsidiaries SAVWIPL India as well as ŠKODA AUTO Germany and ŠKODA AUTO Slovakia took part in the campaign.



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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030.
- › aims to be one of the five best-selling brands in Europe by 2030 with an attractive line-up in the entry-level segments and additional e-models.
- › is emerging as the leading European brand in important growth markets such as India and North Africa.
- › currently offers its customers twelve passenger-car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV, ENYAQ COUPÉ iV, SLAVIA and KUSHAQ.
- › delivered over 870,000 vehicles to customers around the world in 2021.
- › has been a member of the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world.
- › independently manufactures and develops not only vehicles but also components such as engines and transmissions in association with the Group.
- › operates at three sites in the Czech Republic; has additional production capacities in China, Russia, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
- › employs 45,000 people globally and is active in over 100 markets.